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# Yazoo City layman elected FMB chairman

Gene A. Triggs, vice president, administration, at Mississippi Chemical Corporation, Yazoo City, was elected chairman of the Southern Baptist

Foreign Mission Board at a meeting in connection with a special missionary appointment service in Birmingham last week



Triggs, a layman and member of First Church, Yazoo City, was first vice president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in 1976 and served as president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board that same year. Triggs is president of Agricultural Missions Fellowship, a nonprofit organization that supports Southern Baptist agricultural evangelism over-

The FMB also heard a report that with another six weeks before the books close, Southern Baptists already have given a record \$47,185,970 through the denomination's annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions.

The preliminary total is running about \$5.6 million ahead of receipts at the same time last year.

Receipts thus far represent 94.4 percent of the \$50 million goal. Books close May 31. Last year's final total was \$44.7 million, or 99.3 percent of the \$45 million goal. For the second year the board has budgeted the entire offering goal

Board administrators also announced a new requirement that all volunteers going overseas to assist missionaries must obtain medical and disability insurance or show proof that their current coverage will be effective while they are overseas.

Three volunteers have suffered disabling injuries or illness during the past two years, with two of these occurring in recent months.

The board will try to provide volunteers with the names of firms offering such coverage, but the volunteers themselves will pay for the policies. Last year approximately 4,700 volunteers went overseas in projects related to the Foreign Mission Board.

Alabama Baptist hosted the board's annual out-of-state April meeting and turned out in such numbers for the April 13 appointment service that their buses were lined up on the freeway waiting to get into the parking area after the service had begun.

A representative of the Birmingham-Jefferson Civic Center Coliseum said 11,345 passed through the arena's turnstiles and he estimated more than 12,500 witnessed the commissioning of 33 new missionaries. This was the largest single gathering ever of Alabama Baptists.

A 30-minute videotape showing highlights of the service was televised on seven stations throughout the state two nights later.

In other actions, the board approved 107 young adults for training to prepare for two years' service overseas as missionary journeymen, reorganized its structure for managing financial resources, elected a vice president for development and named a well-known Baptist woman to assist its executive vice president.

Carl W. Johnson, the board's treasurer, was elected to head the new office of finance. He will carry the dual title of vice president for finance and

treasurer.

Jerry F. Jackson, vice president for advancement at Wingate (N.C.) College, was elected vice president for development, ending a two-year search to fill that administrative post.

Minette Drumwright of Little Rock, Ark., joined the staff as assistant to William R. O'Brien, executive vice president. She will assist in denominational liaison and special planning, coordination and programming. Her husband, Huber L. Drumwright, was

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### Stampses will keep busy

# Missionaries to Nicaragua advised to delay return

#### A church in Mendoza

A group of 14 Mississippi Baptist volunteers spent the week of March 9-19 in the city of Mendoza, Argentina. They went there to help complete construction of a mission chapel of First Baptist Church, Mendoza.

They built some furniture for the chapel, including a pulpit, and participated in evangelistic work that produced 135 decisions—29 conversions to Christianity, 24 decisions for baptism, and 82 rededications.

Plus, the group participated in teaching some evangelism training classes.

The men worked with missionaries William Malone and Ronnie Reynolds. The soin is in the Rarrio Delfilia.

mission is in the Barrio Delfilia.

The group consisted of John Kroner, Sexton Upton, Kenneth Stephens, and Ray Henry (pastor), all from Society Hill Church, Jeff Davis Association; David Michel (pastor), Harold Wilson, and Ingram Foster, all of Prentiss Church, Jeff Davis; O. Carroll Dungan of Rocky Creek Church, George County; Lester Cochran and Randy Easterling, both of Shady Grove Church, George County; Sammy Chisolm of Oakville Church, Lawrence County; Carl Evans of Beaumont Church, Perry County; plus Tony Trunnell, evangelist from Southaven, and Gary Garner, dean at Clarke College.

The Record speaks

### Reader helps replace pastor's possessions

The pastorium of New Hope Baptist Church, Yalbbusha Association, burned in December, 1981, on the day that Pastor I. E. Hill moved into it. The pastor lost his books and many of his personal belongings on which he had no insurance.

The Baptist Record gleaned this news item from the associational bulled tin sent out from the office of Finley Evans, director of missions for Yalobusha and Grenada associations, and published an article about it

In a letter to the editor, printed March 4, 1982, Finley Evans wrote, "We want to thank you for putting in the Baptist Record about the pastorium of New Hope Baptist Church (Yalobusha Association) being destroyed by fire. There has been an overwhelming response to this need. One person who did not even know the pastor sent him a check for \$3,000."

Stanley and Glenna Stamps, Mississippi missionaries to Nicaragua, on furlough in Jackson's Broadmoor Baptist Church missionary residence, have been advised by the Baptist Convention of Nicaragua that their scheduled return in May would not be advisable and should be delayed a few months.

After consultation with the same Baptist leaders in Nicaragua, Missionaries Ed and Kathy Steele have left the central American country shortly ahead of their scheduled furlough. This leaves Nicaragua with no Southern Baptist missionaries.

The departure and delay were advised in view of the present unsettled situation regarding missionary visas and the recent departure of numerous missionaries of other groups, such as Moravians and Jehovah's witnesses. No threats, though, were reported directly against Southern Baptist missionaries or their property.

This 'holding pattern' has brought

This "holding pattern" has brought about two new developments on the missions scene, one concerning pioneer missions, the other concerning book donations.

The delayed return of the Stampses, provided suddenly a furloughing missionary couple with some unscheduled time on their hands. That time has been filled for at least a month, thanks to a providential conversation between David Grant, pastor of Jackson's Broadmoor Church, and a director of missions in Montana.

Grant had recently conversed with Caley Ray Nichols, director of missions in Helena, Montana, and a missionary of the Home Mission Board. Nichols, a native of Magee, Miss., and graduate of Clarke and Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, discussed the limited exposure to missionaries that Baptists have in pioneer areas. Tremendous distances make travel costs so high that few foreign missionaries can be invited.

Grant said he immediately recog-

Grant said he immediately recognized that the major difficulty in such a witness was not in finding a church willing to pay the travel, but in finding a missionary on furlough who could block out a month of his time in a busy schedule.

A few days following the Grant-Nichols conversation, the Stampses determined to delay their return to Nicaragua. So, the Broadmoor Church is paying travel expenses for the Stampses to visit Montana churches, May 11-June 10, to talk about foreign missions. The Montana churches will take care of the Stampses living expenses while in Montana.

The book donation project is one that was called for through alongside, the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union quarterly publication. That project, asking for English-language books for Nicaragua, has been placed on hold, according to Stamps, who issued the call. Stamps expressed appreciation for the possibility of the books being sent, but said he feels it is not advisable for more to be sent at this time.

Stamps operates a religious literature ministry; the Steeles are music missionaries from Oklahoma.

Relations between Nicaragua and the American government became se-

verely strained earlier this year with Nicaraguans accusing the Reagan administration of planning an invasion from neighboring Honduras. Recently, the U.S. State Department has indicated willingness to negotiate with Nicaragua, which it has accused of selling arms to El Salvador guerillas.

The letter that Stamps received from the Nicaragua Baptist Convention mentioned a hope that he would be able to return at a later date. Stamps said he would like to return to that field, but will do so only at the invitation of the Nicaragua Baptist Convention and at a time when he can "serve in a positive way in an atmosphere of relatively peaceful circumstances." He said he would not want his return to cause problems for the Nicaraguan Baptists.

### Missions volunteers attempt translation of enthusiasm

Like so many missions volunteers, Lisa Wilcutt and Bud Edwards returned home to Mississippi from a stint in Uruguay as semester missionaries appointed by the Mississippi Baptist Student Union, with a perplexing problem: how to translate their excitement and enthusiasm to others.

Lisa, a student at Delta State University, said when she begins to share her experiences teaching Vacation Bible School in Uruguay, "people will say, 'oh, really?', smile, and turn around and leave me standing there.'

Bud, a December, 1981 graduate of Ole Miss, said people will usually respond to his sharing with "That is so great and I'm sure the Lord's going to bless you."

He said he's learned to narrow his

stories of mission service to one particular point, "the love of Jesus Christ—they're going to have to experience the same kind of love and begin to grasp what it's like," in order to understand my excitement, said

The two students have not had their missions commitment dampened, though. Bud plans to go on to seminary and says he has committed his life to missions. Lisa, when she graduates from Delta State next year, plans to apply for the Journeyman program with the Foreign Mission Board where volunteers serve two years overseas.

The two were appointed as the first Mississippi Baptist Student Union appointees to South America in cooperation with the Mississippi Partners with

ar- the Rio de la Plata project in Uruguay us Paraguay, and Argentina.

Lisa served as Vacation Bible School teacher and Bud went as a lifeguard for the Baptist campground at La Tuna. Other duties, Bud outlined, included small construction and maintenance at the camp, "washed a lot of dishes," picked potatoes, shopped in markets, slopped hogs in return for fresh milk for the camp, burned garbage, served as "camp nurse," and counselor.

Lisa taught a number of Vacation Bible Schools, including one in Agraciada, where new work is being started. "It was the first time they ever heard the story of Jesus," said Lisa of a lot of the children she taught. She added, "The trip will have a definite pattern on the rest of my life."

# MBCB executive committee aids churches, Texas disaster

A new member for the board of trustees of Blue Mountain College was elected and emergency grants were given two churches last week when the Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board met at First Baptist Church of Philadelphia.

Haywood Washburn of Tupelo, a layman, was named as the new trustee to serve unto the convention meets in November. Interim vacancies are filled by the Executive Committee until the convention takes action. The interim selection is eligible for election by the convention for completion of the term, if it extends past convention

Both Bethany Baptist Church in Lauderdale Association and Liberty Baptist Church in Winston Association were awarded grants of \$2,500. Both churches burned late in February. Bethany had 100,000 in insurance on the structure and \$10,000 in insurance on the contents. The estimation was that \$250,000 would be needed for replacement.

Liberty Church also was said to need \$250,000 for rebuilding. This church is now using a mobile chapel belonging to the state convention and is consulting with John Alexander, director of the Stewardship Department, for fund raising guidance.

Both churches were said to be working with Neron Smith, church ar-

chitecture consultant, on plans for new buildings. Additionally, the Executive Com-

Additionally, the Executive Committee lowered the compensation for travel expenses on Convention Board business by one cent per mile across the board due to the decrease in gasoline prices. The formula calls for a one-cent-per mile change to match each 15-cent change in prices. The change will go into effect May 1.

The committee also authorized \$3,000 in disaster relief to be sent to Red River Baptist Association in Texas to help in relief for victims of the recent tornade in Paris, Texas. It was recounted that one of the first relief groups to arrive in Mississippi following Hurricane Camille in 1969 was from First Baptist Church, Paris. Pastor James Semple and a group of men brought truck loads of Campbell's Soup for distribution. A Campbell's Soup plant is located in Paris.

Letters of appreciation were read from I. L. Hill, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church in Yalobusha Association, and Curtis Reese, pastor of New Garden Baptist Church, in Northwest Association, for financial assistance. Hill's church received an emergency building grant, and Reese had received pastoral aid. Reese recounted that the aid had allowed him to have a longer, full-time stay in that pastorate and thus to be able to serve in a more

meaningful way. He noted that the need for the pastoral aid was now over and the church would not be making application for another year.

The committee authorized the expenditure of up to \$13,700 for a new van to be used in transporting Convention Board staff personnel. The old one was demolished in an accident in which Diane Smith of the Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union and Marti Solomon of the Southern Baptist WMU staff were injured.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be June 8.

Edward Gandy, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, and chairman of the Executive Committee, presided at the session.

The committee met in Philadelphia in order for the Convention Board's New Church Expansion Committee to be able to view a new church site there. The decision was made to help the newly formed Grace Baptist Church to purchase property through the auspices of Neshoba Association. The funds will come from the Margaret Lackey Offering for State Missions, as do emergency building grants and pastoral aid.

The price of the new property was \$18,000 for 3.7 acres in the edge of Philadelphia in a developing area near the county's vocational-technical center.



#### Time with missionaries

A get-acquainted session was held near the beginning of the Youth Missions Conference at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian. Here on the Gulfshore lawn, teenagers from all over Mississippi, spent time with home and foreign

missionaries. Platform speaker for the weekend was Phil Briggs, Sr., of Southwestern Seminary. Speaking on the love of God, Briggs, noted that "Everything God created is a shouting testimony that he loves you."

### 1982 Youth Night features Leavell



Clawson

Guests for the annual Mississippi Baptist Youth Night, Aug. 13, will be Landrum Leavell, II, and Cynthia

This yearly event attracts more youths than can be held at once in the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson, so two identical sessions are planned at the coliseum.

The first session will be 6:30-8 p.m. The second will be 9-10:30 p.m. These are later times than were scheduled last year to allow more time for groups traveling long distances to arrive for the first session.

Landrum Leavell, II, is president of New Orleans Seminary. He is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., and earned the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Seminary.

Mississippi College awarded him an honorary degree in 1981.

Leavell was pastor of First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., from 1963 to 1975 when he became seminary president. Earlier he was pastor of four Missis-

sippi Baptist churches: Union Church, near Magnelia; Crosby Church; First Church, Charleston; and First Church, Gulfport.

Cynthia Clawson was voted gospel music's top vocalist in the 1981 Dove Awards Ceremony for the second consecutive year. And her album "You're Welcome Here," also won as top al-

Singapore The Baptist Centre for Urban Studies, an arm of the Singapore Baptist Convention reports that Singapore churches already have started half of 10 new worship units projected for 1982.



(Continued from page 1) executive secretary-treasurer of Arkansas Baptists until his death last

Programs throughout the meeting emphasized the need for heightened Southern Baptist commitment to achieve the convention's Bold Mission Thrust objective of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with all people of the world by the year 2000.

President H. Keith Parks stressed importance of the Cooperative Program to the whole framework of Southern Baptist witness as he showed board members the new film "More Than Money," which tells how money given by individual churches through the program enables missionaries to witness in 95 countries. Last year the board received \$39,168,468 through the Cooperative Program.

Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union, which gromotes the Lottie Moon offering and week of prayer for foreign missions, said receipts thus far from the 1981 offering bring the total amount which Southern Baptists have given since the offering began in 1888 to more than half a billion dollars.

Comparing missions to Birmingham's steel industry, she said that just as four elements are essential to the making of steel, four elements also are essential to missions-people, prayer, money and the Holy Spirit. All these, she said, are "in abundance in the Southern Baptist Convention.'

Yet in 1982, she said, "We can only cry when we look at the needs of the

These semi-annual out of state meetings of the Foreign Mission Board will be held next year in Indianapolis; 1984 in Gulfport, Miss.; 1985 in Nashville, Tenn.; 1986 in Denver; and 1987 in North Carolina in a city yet to be



Youth Missions Conference

Ron Ballard, missionary to Paraguay, discusses his work in South America with a family group' during the Youth Missions Conference. This first such conference, held at Gulfshore, was aimed primarily at allowing teenagers to get to know better missionaries of the Home and Foreign Mission Boards. 20 missionaries were in attendance among the 550 registered participants at the conference.

#### Royal Ambassador 1982 summer camp schedule set June-August

The 1982 Royal Ambassador Camp schedule will take place at Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Kosciusko.

Resident camps are for boys in grades 4-12 and will cost \$45 per person. They will be June 7-11, June 14-18, June 21-25, June 28-July 2; July 5-9, July 12-16, July 19-23, July 26-30, Aug. 2-6, and Aug. 9-13.

Dad-Lad weekend camps are for boys in grades 1-3 and their fathers. They will cost \$12.50 per person. These

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP) - Vid-

eotapes of Bible studies and worship

services will provide an additional

ministry to Louisiana offshore drilling

Jimmy Brossette, associate in the

Louisiana Baptist Convention's mis-

sions division, said two sets of 14 vid-

eotapes have been prepared for dis-

tribution to oil drilling rigs in the Gulf

"Men on the rigs have been asking for such materials," Brossette said

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camps will take place June 25-26, July 9-10, and July 23-24.

Registration fees are due beginning April 1, at \$15 per person for resident camps and \$5 per person for Dad-Lad weekends. Parents will receive a detailed list of items needed for camp when reservations are made.

Write Brotherhood Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205, phone 968-3800, ext. 3934.

### Workshop will center on pornography legislation

A "Workshop on Pornography Legislation" will be held May 5 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Broadmoor Baptist Church, 787 E. Northside Drive, Jackson. This workshop is the first meeting in an attempt to build interest in and concern for the submission and passage of a constitutional bill regarding pornography in Mississippi.

The special consultants, speakers, and workshop leaders are: Bruce Taylor, General Counsel for Citizens for Decency through Law, Inc., and former special prosecutor for Cleveland, Ohio, who handled over 600 obscenity cases in several states; Fred Merrill, Attorney for Citizens for Decency through Law, Inc., and former counsel for the Arizona House of Representatives; Paul McCommon Assistant Solicitor for the State Court of Fulton County, Georgia (Atlanta); and Paul Jones, II, Executive Director, Christian Action Commission, Mississippi Baptist Convention.

There is no charge for the workshop and it will end by 3 p.m. to allow time for participants to return home for Wednesday evening responsibilities. The planning committee is chaired by Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, a former president of the Southern Baptist Con-

More information can be secured from the Christian Action Commission, Box 530, Jackson, Miss, 39205. (601) 968-3800.

#### Indian church dedicates building

ducted a service of dedication for its new building Sunday, April 4. Guests included those who have donated labor, supplies and funds toward the construction of the building.

Earl Kelly, executive-secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, brought the dedicatory message. Billy Williams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Gautier, presided. Ray Brooks, pastor of First Indian Baptist Church, led in the dedication litany.

John McBride, director of ministries, Jackson County Baptist Association, offered the dedicatory prayer. Allen Webb, director of missions, Jackson Association, recognized the special guests. Frank Odom of Pascagoula was honored for having served as construction superintendent.

The building, of block and stucco construction on a concrete slab, measures 40 x 90 feet. The lot was purch-

The First Indian Baptist Church of ased by the Mississippi Baptist Con-Pascagoula, 2821 Ingalls Avenue, convention and the building was funded primarily by the Southern Baptist churches of Jackson County. The sponsoring church is the First Baptist, Gautier.

Bible study and worship are conducted each Sunday morning and evening and prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at the new build-

Ray Brooks, pastor, said that all persons of native American descent are invited to attend. For more information he may be reached at 769-9260.

#### YWCA workshops deal with youth sexuality education

The Mississippi District YWCA is sponsoring a series of workshops for youth workers, including those who work in churches, in youth sexuality education. Upcoming sites and dates are Robinson-Carpenter Public Library, Cleveland, April 26, 27; Renewal Center, Jackson, April 30, May 1; and Camp Lake Stephens, Oxford, May 7,8. For more information, contact the Mississippi District YWCA, phone 355-6441 in Jackson.

Taipei, Taiwan—Nearly 100 Chinese Baptist pastors and lay leaders joined 18 missionaries for a March seminar on planting new churches.

#### **GULFSHORE STAFF** REUNION

for staffers who worked anytime from 1962-1969 or 1978-1981 May 14 (5 pm) to May 15 (1:30 pm)

**Gulfshore Baptist** Assembly

Pass Christian, MS Contact Frank Simmons at Gulfshore for additional information



#### Crusader day

This tug-of-war was part of the activities during Crusader Day at Central Hills Baptist Retreat, Kosciusko. The event attracted a total of 767, the largest group at one activity the retreat has had. This was the first year for the Brotherhood Department to sponsor such an activity. Awards were given for the largest group of the furthest distance traveled Leesburg Church and First Church, Yazoo City, each brought 27 And First church, Pascagoula, traveled furthest at 270 miles.

### You Tell Us!

We are making a study of the Cooperative Program, and we need your help. Please answer a few questions, and give us your suggestions. Mail it today to the address below:

Part One

Have we been telling you enough?

- Is "Cooperative Program" a good name for the Baptist mission support plan? [ ] Yes [ ] No
- 2. Do Southern Baptists know what the Cooperative Program is? [ ] Yes [ ] No 3. Is the Cooperative Program consistent with Scriptural principles? [ ] Yes [ ] No
- 4. Are you reasonably happy with what it supports and the percentages for each? [ ][ ] No
- 5. Are we spread too thin and trying to support too many things? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Part Two What would you change?

- 1. Is another name better than "Cooperative Program? [] Yes [] No What name?
- 2. Should a biggger percentage of Cooperative Program dollars go for Foreign Missions? [ ] Yes [ ] No 3. Half our nation is unchurched; should Home Missions get a higher percentage? [ ] Yes [ ] No
- 4. Can we keep all our Boards, Seminaries, and Commissions? [ ] Yes [ ] No
- 5. What else would you include for support?

Part Three

Have we given the Cooperative Program a chance?

1. Do Special Offerings help or hurt the Cooperative Program? [ ] Help [ ] Hurt

- 2. If all Special Offerings were dropped, would you give the same amount of money through the Cooperative Program that you now give in regular and special offerings? [ ] Yes [ ] No 3. Would your church give special emphasis to missions and other work if you did not have a special offering?
- 4. Are you satisfied with the percentage of budget your church gives to the Cooperative Program? [] Yes [] No
- 5. Around 60 to 70 percent of Cooperative Program gifts support ministries and institutions in the states, the remainder going to the Southern Baptist Convention. Is this a good and fair division? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Your age

Part Four Are we helping?

- 1. Would you like to see more "Ministry and Mission" publicity showing people being helped by the Cooperative Program? [ ] Yes [ ] No 2. Should Cooperative Program "Day" be extended, perhaps to a week or month? [ ] Yes [ ] No
  - Is reporting adequate on how Cooperative Program funds are used? [ ] Yes [ ] No

. What is the Cooperative Program's greatest strength?

Comments: (continue in letter if necessary)

5. What is its greatest weakness?

Sex (M) (F)

Mail to: Dr. James L. Pleitz P.O. Box 12307 Dallas, TX 75225



Above, Mera Hall of Clinton is shown

with Dot Pray, keyboard specialist for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board's Church Music Department. Mera won the judge's trophy in piano at the recent state keyboard festival. At right is Mark Snow of Richland who won the judge's trophy for organ. The festival was held at William Carey College following 12 district festivals. Honorable mention awards went to Tammy Griffin and Tammy Harrison, both of Meridian; Ken Watford of Boyle; and Robin Wilson of Columbus



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# on July 19

Fest to be

A special one-day Mississippi Baptist Youth Vocal Festival will take place July 19 at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Pass Christian. This will be during the 1982 Youth Music Conference. Those attending the Youth Music Conference may participate in this special festival, but reservations must be made separately.

The festival will happen at the Gulfshore auditiorium, beginning at 12:45 in the afternoon, concluding at 7 that evening. Gulfshore will not be able to confirm overnight reservations for July 19. Participants can check with Gulfshore after Youth Music Conference check-in to discover the

availability of rooms The festival is open to solo participants only who are in the 10-12th grades during the 1981-82 school year. Each will provide his or her own accompanist. If this is a problem, contact the Church Music department for assis-

tance.

The two participants with the highest rating, following judging, will perform the sacred classical selection during the Youth Music Conference worship service that evening.

A pre-registration form for each soloist should be sent to the Church Music department no later than July 1. A registration fee of \$10 must accompany each form. Write Church Music department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.,

#### Neshoba men build bridges

On April 1, a team of eight men from the Neshoba Associational Brotherhood built two bridges for the Royal Ambassador camp at Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko.

Material, for a tractor bridge was provided by the men, as well as the construction. The group also constructed an arch type walk bridge. The material for the walk bridge was donated for the camp by a person other than the Neshoba group

#### Murphy, not Nichols

Bobbie Jean Murphy of the SBC Home Mission Board's department of black church relations was one of the speakers who delivered the Lang Lectures at Mississippi Bap-tist Seminary centers in Vicksburg, Jackson, and Prentiss—not Bobbie Jean Nichols as reported in last week's Baptist Record on pages 1

est Jackson Street Baptist Church, elo, honored Rick Forbus, minisof music, with an appreciation day

on March 28. A re-

ception was given in the evening. Over 350 are enrolled in the church choirs. During his two years at West Jackson, nine special musicals have been presented. In addition, he has or-

ized a church orchestra, a quartet, two ensembles, and conducted sic workshops and Master and Adnced Master Music classes. The vised presentation on NBC of the st Jackson 1981 Christmas Cantata is a result of his planning. A native of eenville, Forbus is a graduate of elta State University and New Orans Seminary. He is married to the rmer Nancy Burkett from Colum-They have two sons.

#### **Jusic events** et for July t Gulfshore

Two special music-related conferes are set for Gulfshore this sumr. One follows the other. The first is outh Choral and Instrumental Conrence, July 12-16. The second is outh Music Conference, July 16-20. The Choral and instrumental conence is only being held for the secd time. It will provide instruction for iths in instrumental music by ornizing two bands, handbell ringing, ass choral singing, and spiritual en-ehment. It will also include classes in usic drama, songleading, voice, and usic theory.

The Youth Music Conference will ncentrate on choral work. Classes to offered include basic musicianship, omposition and arranging, "God's ill for your life," and voice.

Don Collins, of the University of ntral Arkansas and Cambiata Press ill be choral clinician for both con-

For the Choral and Instrumental onference, the band clinician will be reg Berry of Wayland Baptist Uniersity. Handbell clinician will be erry Robinson, minister of music irst Church, Ellisville. And camp stor will be Terry Booth, pastor of enic Heights Baptist Church, Pencola, Fla. Worship leader for the outh Music Conference will be Mrs. mette Hitt, of Clinton.

For more program information on ther conference, contact the Church fusic Department, Box 530, Jackson, liss., 39205, phone 968-3800. For reistration information, contact ulfshore Baptist Assembly, Hendern Point, Pass Christian, Miss., 39567, one 452-7261.

#### Calvary, Tupelo olans marriage enrichment meet

Paige and Foy Cothren will lead a narriage and family enrichment eminar April 29-30 and May 1 at Calary Baptist Church, Tupelo. Meetings for April 29 and 30 are

heduled from 7 to 9 p.m. and on May from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. A covered dish dinner will be served on Saturday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m., just prior to the seminar. No advance registration is





#### Senior adults will hear McLeod, Swartz

Peter McLeod and Wilbur Swartz are two out-of-state personalities ap-pearing on Senior Adult programs at Gulfshore Baptist Assembly this

McLeod, who is pastor of First Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., will be the doctrinal study leader in general sessions of Retreat II, May 24-28. Retreat I is scheduled May 17-21 when Billy E. Simmons of the New Orleans Seminary faculty will be fulfilling the same role.

Swartz will serve as Bible study eader in both Senior Adult Conclaves, August 16-18 and August 19-21.

Swartz is now retired after a varied career which has included church postions in music, education, youth, and pastor. He has taught religious drama and for 28 years served as professor of preaching at New Orleans Seminary.

Disappointments are to the soul what a thunder-storm is to the air.

A foot is a device for finding furniture in the dark.

ROME, Ga. (BP)-George L. Balentine, pastor of First Baptist Church in Augusta, Ga., has been elected president of Shorter College in Rome, Ga.

Balentine will succeed Randall H. Minor, who is retiring June 30 after 24 years as president of the Georgia Bap-

Antioch Church, Lawrence County, recently ordained two deacons, Jimmie Wayne Beesot and Grady Eugene Boyd. John D. Hedgepeth is pastor.

Vernell Daniels, pastor of Dry Creek Church, Winston County, is also a contractor; he has volunteered himself and his crew to work on Winston Association's Baptist Center.

Students from private, Baptistsupported institutions have captured three of the top five scholarship awards given by Omicron Delta Kappa, national leadership honor society with chapters located on over 180 campuses. The five, selected from 57 applicants, each received \$500 scholarships. The three from Baptist-supported institutions were Billy Mack Pickering of Mississippi College, Nathan Stan Poole of Louisiana College, and Charles Reece Woods of Samford University. Pickering and Woods are preparing for careers in medicine, while Poole is seeking a graduate degree in English.

James S. Netherton, a native of Jackson, Miss., was recently named to the newly created position of vice pres-

ident for executive affairs at Baylor University, Waco, Texas. He was elected to

the post by Baylor trustees during their March meetng. He had served as executive assistant to Baylor Pres-

ident Herbert H. Reynolds since July, 1981. He received a bachelor of science degree in mathematics with honors from the University of Mississippi and a doctor of philosophy degree in mathematics and computer sciences from the University of Virginia.

Parkhill Baptist Church, Jackson licensed Edward Sumrall to the gospel ministry, Mar. 10. Sumrall is attending Hinds Junior College, and serving as children's director of Parkhill Church. James C. Edwards is pastor.

Nathan Barber and Buddy Dodson of First Church, Bay St. Louis, recently went on a mission trip to Kenya.

Mrs. Lillian Carte, pastor's secret-ary, First Church, Long Beach, has received an SBC award for advanced achievement as a church secretary.

### Helen Fling will speak to Baptist Women at Garaywa

Helen (Mrs. Ropert) Fling, promotion associate in new areas, Home Mission Board and Woman's Missio-

nary Union, SBC, will be guest speaker for the Baptist Women Retreat May 14-15 at Camp Garaywa. Mrs. Fling joined he staff of the Home Mission

Board and Woman's Missionary Union in September, 1977. She served six years as national WMU president, while her husband was pastor in Texas and she served five years as state president while he was in New York.

Upon his retirement as a home missionary, the Flings went to Munich, Germany on a year's special assignment of the Foreign Mission Board to minister in the English-speaking Baptist Church

came treasurer of the North American Baptist Women's Union in 1977.

Mrs. Jane Sumrall of New Albany will share experiences of serving as an associate missionary in Brazil and Mrs. Richard Perkins of Pascagoula will tell about new approaches to mission action. There will be others to share what is being done across Mis-

The retreat begins at 2:30 Friday and closes at 2:30 Saturday, Cost is \$13 and reservations must be made by May 5. Mail these to Ethel McKeithen, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205 and make checks payable to Mississippi

### Baker will preach for CT Leadership Retreat

at Gulfshore, Au-

gust 11-14. The leadership retreat will include training confer-ences for all churches and associational Church Training leaders as well as worship. Bible study,

preaching, and fellowship. Reservations are now being accepted by the assembly. They may be made by sending a \$15 registration fee for each person to Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, Henderson Point, Pass Christian, MS 39371.

Baker is a native of Pontotoc and a graduate of Mississippi State, Ole Miss, New Orleans Seminary and has earned his doctorate from Mississippi

#### Prayer seminar place changed

Evelyn Christenson, author of What Happens When Women Pray, Lord, Change Me, and Gaining through Los-ing, will be in Tupelo on April 24. She will lead a prayer seminar on Lord, Change Me.

The seminar will be at Harrisburg Baptist Church, 1800 West Main St., Tupelo, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It was first scheduled for Calvary Baptist Church, Tupelo, but response has been so good, says Roland Nell Anest, chairman of the prayer seminar committee, that the meeting place has been changed to provide more space.

The Bengali New Testament for Muslim readers is selling so well in Bangladesh that it is making history for the Bible Society there, says a communique to the American Bible Society in New York. The Bangladesh Bible Society reports that 19,000 copies of the Injil Sharif (the Muslim Bengali New Testament) were sold out within three months of publication.

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Mrs. Fling is known as a conference leader, speaker, and writer of missions books and programs. She be-

sissippi in Baptist Women work.

#### Bill Baker, pastor of First Church, State. He has been pastor of First, Clinton, will be the preacher for the Clinton, since 1973, coming there from Church Training Leadership Retreat First, Calhoun City. Mrs. Baker will accompany him to Gulfshore at sist in the worship services as organist for the retreat.

The new Church Training leadership manual, Equipping Disciples Through Church Training will provide the basic text for all leadership conferences. Complete information about the retreat is available from the Church Training Department, Box 530. Jackson, Miss., 39205.

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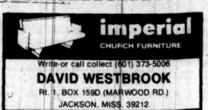
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#### Mississippi Baptist Activities

April 25-May 2 Senior Adult Week (CT Emphasis)
April 26 Bible Drill State Finals; FBC, Gulfport; 4:30 p.m. (CT) Adult 8.5 X '85 Growth Seminar; FBC, Senatobia; 7-9 p.m. (SS) Bible Drill State Finals; FBC, Laurel; 4:30 p.m. (CT) Regional Child-Life Conference; Ridgecrest, N. C. (WMU) Bible Drill State Finals; FBC, Newton; 4:30 p.m. (CT) Bible Drill State Finals; FBC, Brookhaven; 4:30 p.m.(CT) April 30-May 1 Associational WMU Officer Training; Camp Garaywa, Clinton; 4 p.m., 30th-4 p.m., 1st (WMU) Bible Drill State Finals; 2 p.m. Calvary BC, Jackson/Colonial

### Deadline extended for state BYW Conference

Heights BC, Jackson (CT)

Because of the number of preregistrants for the first state BYW Conference, May 7-8, at Gulfshore, the deadline for registration has been ex-

April 26

April 27

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April 27-30

tended to Friday, April 30. Mrs. Paul (Fran) Vandercook, Mississippi home missionary, Gulfport, will participate on the conference program. Fran will be sharing the work here at home and assisting members of BYW organizations in planning workable mission action proects during the Saturday afternoon Encounters.

Mrs. Vandercook, is a Mississippian, a graduate of Mississippi College in Clinton, and appointed by the Home Mission Board to serve in Christian Social Ministries and Language Missions with the Gulf Coast Association, the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the Home Mission Board. The Vandercooks have two children. John and Heather.

Sheryl Churchill, BYW consultant, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, will participate on the program in leading the three sessions of Bible study. Sheryl will use as her emphasis for three studies the theme for the weekend conference "WATCH." She will also lead an Encounter on basic BYW work.

Registration will be at 4 p.m. on Friday afternoon, May 7. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. The conference concludes Saturday afternoon, May 8,

Silver Springs Church, Osyka has named April 25 as homecoming day, to include morning worship at 11, dinner on the grounds, and a song service at 1:30 p.m. Benny Olliff, former pastor, will be guest speaker. Olliff is a chaplain at Vernon Center, Vernon, Texas. Previously he was a chaplain at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La. and later at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. James M. Thornhill is pastor at Silver Springs.



The registration fee. (2 beds. 2 people: \$24; 8 beds, 8 people: \$22) per person which includes three meals. room, linens, insurance and programming, needs to be sent to Marilyn Hopkins, BYW Conference, Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. Make checks payable to Woman's Missionary Union. Registration will not be taken by Gulfshore Baptist Assembly and should be mailed before Friday, April





ence will be Ginny Davis, supervisor of the Children's Foundation Cur riculum, also with the Sunday School Board. Reservations for any session at Gulfshore may be secured by writing

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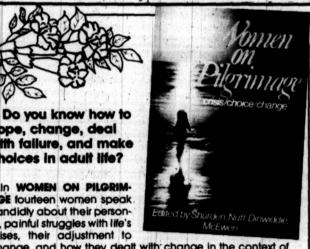
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### Tuition tax credits not an answer

President Reagan's proposal for tuition tax credits may not make it through Congress this year, but there are questions that need to be considered nevertheless. If the issue is not adopted this year, it may be back next

We need to be advised that tuition tax credits are not proposed as tax deductions whereby one simply does not pay taxes on the amount spent for tuition. They are the taxes themselves. The parents use the taxes to pay the tuition. It is raking the cream off of the

As the idea is being proposed, during fiscal year 1983 the parents of children in private schools would not pay in taxes an amount equal to half of the tuition paid up to a maximum of \$100 credit. That would mean multiplied millions of dollars not being received as taxes. In fiscal year 1984 the amount would increase by 300 percent, or to a maximum of \$300 per family. After that the credit would amount to \$500 per year. Again, that amount is taxes due and not paid. The revenue loss would be astronomical. It would have to be made up some way, so everybody

else would be helping the families with children in private schools to send their children to school. This includes denominational schools as well as private institutions.

With such incentive, many families not sending their children to private school would feel that they should do so. So public schools would be faced with loss of revenue and loss of students, which would cause further loss of revenue. The possibility would be that the public school could be de-

On the one hand the President has already suggested a reduction in federal funds going to public schools. Now he is suggesting additionally, even in the face of a mounting budget deficit, that multiplied billions of dollars in taxes not be collected. A great deal of what the federal government has been doing in public schools was for the benefit of the poor. Thus under the proposed circumstances the poor would be expected to help finance the children in the private schools that the poor could not afford to attend.

The President's proposal surely was not specifically designed to help those

who want to send their children to private schools but cannot afford to without the tax credit. Families with incomes of up to \$50,000 would be eligible for full credit, and families with incomes of up to \$70,000 would be entitled to some amount of credit.

There will be those who will say that because they pay taxes for public school support, they should receive tax credit for their children in private school. One doesn't withhold taxes, however, because he had hired a private detective to protect his home. And we continue to pay taxes to support the fire department regardless of how much we may have spent to try to keep our homes from burning.

The fact is, we can't afford tuition tax credits. We can't afford to lose the tax revenue, and we can't afford to jeopardize the public school.

Does it seem inconsistent that on the one hand the government would take away the tax exemption for a private school in Mississippi because it had been practicing what the government had defined as racial discrimination and on the other hand exempt the parents of the students from paying taxes in the first place?

Does it constitute the establishment of a religion for the government to excuse the parents of students in religious schools from paying taxes and thus put a greater tax burden on everyone?

Those are hard questions, but they must be faced if we are to consider tuition tax credits.

There is no question but that many fine Mississippi Baptist families have children in private schools, where they are receiving quality education. There is no question also that many are discouraged with the prospects of the public schools. But let's not give up on the public schools. They are the only hope for a literate nation. They can only be helped if the citizens of the nation will help them.

Surely each family is free to choose the schools it wants for its children and is responsible for choosing the best it can provide. Tuition tax credits will not help the public schools, however; and we all are responsible for the public schools, whether or not we have children in them.

# IT'S GREAT TO READ A \ PAPER THAT TELLS THE GOOD NEWS

### BAPTIST RECORD SUNDAY - JUNE

### Have we given up on TV?

A number of significant circumstances have been noted recently; and, while none will take such length of discussion as to demand a separate note, each is of such importance as to demand attention.

#### Tornadoes

First, the devasting tornadoes of a few weeks ago certainly demand attention. Mississippi had its share with the one at Philadelphia that resulted in three deaths. Of note also was the one at Paris, Texas, which took several more lives and did widespread damage. This one is all the more significant to Mississippians because it was James Semple, pastor of First Baptist Church. Paris, who was among the first to arrive with food supplies (a truck load of Campbell's soup) following Hurricane Camille.

#### Lang Lectures

Another item of interest to the writer, and hopefully to all Mississippi Baptists, was the Lang Lectures held recently at Mississippi Baptist Seminary. One of the speakers was John Westbrook, a Houston, Texas, pastor. Of particular interest to the writer, however, is the fact that Westbrook, a Baylor graduate, as is the writer, was a football player while he was in college. Unless memory has failed completely, which is always a possibility,

Westbrook, already a preacher, was the first black player to make the starting lineup in a Southwest Conference school. Seminary President Richard Brogan points out that Westbrook is a fourth generation preacher. He is pastor of a thriving church in downtown Houston. That a church would thrive in that commercial area is a major accomplishment.

#### Parchman Revival

Another former Baylor football player-preacher was also in Mississippi recently when evangelist Bill Glass brought an evangelistic crusade to Parchman penitentiary. Glass was All-America at Baylor and all-pro with the Cleveland Browns. He has been in evangelism since before his retirement from football in 1968 and has been devoting most of his efforts to a prison ministry for the past 10 years.

Glass has an amazing organization at work. He had 150 volunteers from all over the nation with him for counseling during the Parchman crusade, He has a list of those who can serve, and he lets them know when and where the crusades are to be held. Those who can make the time available show up at their own expense.

Also joining the ministry at Parchman was a group of Christian athletes who visit prisons all over the nation. These included Joe Green, during his college football days formerly with the Pittsburgh Steelers

Paul Wren, champion weight lifter: Lawrence Pillers, San Francisco 49ers; McCoy Elmore, former pro basketball player; and Dave Washington, formerly with San Francisco 49ers and now with the division of planning and policy in the office of

Gov. William Winter. The reports are that there were 600 decisions during the prison crusade. A crusade at the same time at Moorhead resulted in 100 more decisions.

#### Decency on Television

Finally, it should be of interest that a Mississippian is waging a determined war against the encroaching depravity of television. It has been apparent for some time that those who are handling that fine medium of communication and entertainment are continually testing the waters to see what the viewing public will put up with, and they have been stretching their program material farther and farther away from the hallmark of decency.

Don Wildmon, a United Methodist minister from Tupelo, is battling the networks and their program suppliers every inch of the way. And he is achieving some success. Network people are subjecting film to ridicule,? which means he is touching sore sports. His National Federation for

Decency is the kingpin of a national coalition of such groups that is steadily growing.

Some people scream censorship; but when it is piped into our homes, we have the right to scream ourselves.

Television executives continue to say that the medium merely reflects life as it is. That is true only in that it depicts an exaggerated view of a small portion of life. Besides that, wouldn't it be much better if television could improve life rather than simply reflect

There are many who advocate the use of the on/off switch when television gets too embarrassing for mixed company. That leaves, they say, those programs available for those people who want to watch them. It also leaves them available for youngsters with television sets behind the closed doors of their bedrooms. The warning of needing to be watched in the company of an adult doesn't mean a thing.

Don Wildmon is to be commended for his determination and consistent stand, and he is due all the help he can get. He is fighting a battle for all of us. Most of the rest of us seem to have thrown up our hands and walked away. The network executives knew we would.

We always do.

### Do you have a curio collection?

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

Faces And Places

Crash! Chop! Two 11-year-old boys broke into the library at First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla. With hammers-or was it hatchets?-(like tomahawks)—they imaginary smashed the missionary curio collection and left a note, "Warriors were here." (Sounds as if they may have been watching television a bit before

then.) Some of the curios, were broken beyond repair. Others have been patiently mended, though never to be the beauties they once were. Many of the objects were from the invaluable lifelong collection of 88-year-old Laura Stoesen. While church librarian for 15 years, Mrs. Stoesen began the collection by contributing many of her own curios and by inspiring others to add to

I don't know how many church media centers have such collections, but it strikes me that they would be extremely useful in enhancing mission study. Those in Pensacola can be checked out by mission organizations or by individuals, just as books are.

Their collection fills shelves on three sides of 10 x 20 alcove in the library. The fourth side is a display window that can be viewed by church members passing in an outside foot traffic

corridor. Countries from around the world are represented, as well as many sections of the USA. For instance, there are veils, beads, and water bags from Arabia; a basket from Vietnam; a monkey carved from wood and a pic-

ture painted on a leaf, from some-

River Oaks Baptist Church as minister

of education. He and his wife Sharon,

both from Tupelo, have a son,

Matthew. J. D. Batson served as in-

terim minister of music before he ac-

cepted the call full time. He and his

wife Ethyl and daughters Cindy, An-

gie, Lisa, and Laurie, live near Wig-

gins but will move to Poplarville. The

Batsons have served as missionaries

Cary Baptist Church, Sharkey

County, has called A. R. Garrison as

pastor. He attended Northwest College

and studied at Luther Rice Seminary

and International Bible Institute and

Seminary, and holds a Th.D. degree.

Garrison goes to Cary from Green-

wood, where he was pastor for 17

years. A native of Panola County, he

Leaf River Church, Smith County,

New Henleyfield Baptist Church,

Bible Institute.

Graceville, Fla.

and is now a student

of New Orleans

Seminary, where he

is seeking a master

of divinity degree.

He has served

churches in Geor-

gia, and Louisiana.

He and his wife

Carriere, has called David Rowlson as

pastor. He is a graduate of Baptist

Susan have two children, Stephanie, 9,

Sardis Church, Copiah County, has

called Jimmy McNair as pastor.

and Sheila, 2.

has been a pastor for 21 years.

has called H. C. Bailey as pastor.

where in Africa; a clock from Germany; a bell from Indonesia; a Buddhist "temple" from Japan; a red Buddha from China; donkeys and sombreros from Mexico; a wooden flute from Haiti; shuck dolls from the Appalachians; sea shells from Florida; silk scarves from Thailand; and butterfly plates from Brazil. Costumes can be checked out, too, as well as Bibles in many languages.

Mrs. Stoesen has always been interested in missions. In the early 20s she was a missionary in Puerto Rico. In Pensacola, her volunteer ministries have included work with seamen, with deaf persons, and with international students. Her late husband was weather bureau chief. She speaks Spanish, Norwegian, English, and Portuguese, and has friends in many countries. Thus, her house is filled with colorful curios from many na-

In early childhood she traveled from her native Minnesota to Norway. But most of her traveling, she said, has been done "on my knees."

"Last night I took a journey To a land across the seas I didn't go by ship or plane I traveled on my knees.

#### Music week

National Music Week will be May 2-9. Its theme will be "Music in My Life." The special week is sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs. This year's observance will be the 59th annual one.

### Southwestern professor to become HMB volunteer

FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)-Cal Guy, professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for 36 years, will retire July 31 and become the director of the Center for Missions and Education at the Luther Rice homesite in Northboro, Mass.

Guy and his wife, Terrye, will become Mission Service Corps volunteers Sept. 1, according to Wendell Belew, director of the Home Mission Board's missions ministries division.

Guy will work through the Seminary External Education Division, a joint extension service of six Southern Baptist seminaries. He will teach, preach and assist with New England association conferences. Guy also will work with bivocational pastors beginning new churches in southern New Hampshire.

The birthplace of Luther Rice, organizer of the first national Baptist convention, was acquired by the Home Mission Board in 1968. It is now being ~\*

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renovated by Baptist volunteers as a visitors' center, historical library and seminary extension center. The property is also site of the Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church and the Baptist General Association of New England. The homesite will be dedicated next year in honor of Rice's 200th, birthday.

The Guys' interest in New England grew out of a sabbatical visit to Union Theological Seminary in New York where, Guy says, "I developed a major burden for the area and would have stayed if I hadn't already been called to teach."

The couple will live in an upstairs apartment at the homesite. Downstairs rooms are being furnished with period antiques by Mrs. Cecil Day of Atlanta, Ga.

The Guys will replace Rufus and Mrs. Crozier, who will be curators of the homesite until June. Crozier is former professor at Missouri Baptist College.

Book Reviews THINE IS THE GLORY by Augustine Burch (Carlton Press, Inc., \$4.50, 62 pp.) (This book of poetry is written by a member of First Baptist Church, Brookhaven, Art illustrations are by

Tom Ross, art instructor, Co-Lin Junior College. Some of the topics included are God's greatness, the love of Jesus, home, friendship, children, and special days. Available at Baptist. Book Store.)

Books can add a new touch to a

home, and make it a place which children will remember with gratitude. Soon after graduation from the university, I began a ministry that put me in a different home every week. I soon learned to recognize the tone of that home by the books on the center table, the music on the piano, and the pictures on the wall. Augustine Burch's beautiful new book of poetry, Thine Is The Glory, is the type that would make that is for "keeps.

Augustine Burch has a natural sense of rhythm, aided by a deep devotion to Jesus and intensified by that inspiration which only he can give. It is a delight to recommend her poems. The first section of her book is titled "Come Walk With Me in the Springtime." To celebrate springtime's memorable days with a book of unforgettable loveliness is to remind ourselves that 'a thing of beauty is a joy forever."

Other sections are on "Memories of Home" and "The Joy of Children." Words have a way of returning just at the right time and place with a value we cannot calculate. Not too long ago a burglar was trying to get into my house. Out of the past there came slipping back a child's message: "What time I am afraid, I will put my trust in Thee." Stored-up beauty as that in Augustine's book, can come back at just the right hour or second to caution, to for that special somebody a lasting gift brighten, to bless.-Rosalee Mills Appleby

### Revival Dates

Indian Springs (Perry): April 25-30; Roy J. Wood, pastor, Bellehaven, Ocean Springs, evangelist; W. C. Rainey, music director, Crestview, leading the singing; James Shoemake, pastor; services at 7:30 p.m.

Bayou View (Gulf Coast): April 23-25; David Raddin, minister of education and youth, First, Wiggins, evangelist; Marilyn Smith, minister of music, New Hope, leading music.

First, Gulfport: April 25-28; Land-rum Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary, evangelist; Bob Jones, minister of music at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, guest musician.

North 31st Avenue Baptist Church,

Hattiesburg: April 23-25; Richard White, pastor of First Baptist Church. Runnelstown, evangelist; music to be directed by Dessaree Nicholas; Glenda Dozier, soloist; Sue Sumrall, pianist; services at 7 nightly; lunch in fellowship hall after morning service Sunday; David Howard, pastor.

First Baptist, Pearl: April 25-29; Ed Griffin, pastor at Ridgeland, evangelist; Jimmy Cutrell, minister of music at First, Gulfport, music evangelist; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; during week at 7 p.m.; Mon.-Thurs., noon service from 12 to 1, with light lunch served before service: Stanley B. Barnett, pastor.

Peoples Church, Ripley: April 18-23; at 7:30 p.m.; Gary Crowell; Gravel Hill Church, Ramar, Tenn., evangelist; music under direction of Malcolm Lindsey, music director at Peoples; Youth Night to be Friday, April 23; Gregg Thomas; pastor.

Star Baptist Church (Rankin): April 25-28; Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Mon.-Wed. at noon and 7:30 p. m.; Tim Rayborn, pastor of Monticello Baptist Church, evangelist; J. M. Wood, minister of music at Broadmoor, Jackson, music evangelist; Jimmy Harrington, pastor; Eric McNair, minister of music.

Lakeland Church (Itawamba): April 25-30; Danny Sparks, Pontotoc County, speaker; Wayne Higgins, pastor; Barry Swartz, leading the singing.

Providence (Attala): April 29-May 2; Thurs. and Fri. at 7:30 p.m.; Sat. at 7 p.m.; Sunday at 11 a.m.; Bill and Gail Roberts, Parkway Church, Kosciusko, leading the music; Walter Hines, pastor of Providence Church, evangelist.

First Baptist Church of Ozona (Pearl River County): April 25-30; services at 7:30 p.m.; Kenneth Rhodes, pastor, Juniper Grove Church, evangelist; John Downing,

Raybon Richardson has accepted Antioch Baptist Church, Alcorn Asociation, has called Bruce Ingram as the pastorate of Biggersville Baptist children's church pastor. Ingram is a Church (Alcorn). Richardson goes from New Liberty Church in freshman ministerial student at Blue Mountain College Tishomingo County, where he was pastor four years. He is enrolled in First Baptist Church, Poplarville, New Orleans Seminary extension in has called Ron McCully as minister of Tupelo. He and his wife, Maudie, have education and youth, and J. D. Batson two daughters, Lenora and Angie. as minister of music, McCully is a Kenneth R. Shoemake of Hattiesrecent graduate of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. He also served

Staff Changes

burg has been named pastor of Bond Baptist Church (Gulf Coast). He holds the bachelor of science degree from William Carey College and the master of divinity and master of religious education degrees from New Orleans Seminary. He has served as youth director in Virginia and as pastor of First Baptist Church, Brooklyn, Miss. Recently he has been involved in the preschool worship program at Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, A chaplain with the U.S. Army Reserve, he is married to the former Cheryl Saucier. They have two children.

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# Mississippi's Lottie Moon Offering Gifts Total \$3,052,307.90

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CLIFF TEMPLE 2.060.82 DAMASCUS CRAMFIELD 1.000.00 FBC CRYSTAL STREET CRAMFIELD 918.86 FBC CRYSTAL STREET CRAMFIELD 10.000.86 FBC CRYSTAL STREET CRAMFIELD 10.000 FBC CRYSTAL S	\$PGS   20.00 BULAH   200.00   371.54   88NEZER   235.13   255.00   85T   7.381.00   FBC LEXINGTON   3.652.53   150.00   FBC TEMULA   1.600.00   1.050.66   HARLANDS CRK   335.00   1.050.66	LAUDERDALE  ARKAGELPHIA  ARKAGELPHIA  ARROSODO  BRIAGEDO  BRIAGEDO  BRIAGEDO  CALMEY  CAUSEYVILLE  1.562.30  LMMANUEL  500.00  KOLGLA S  KOLGLA S  KOLGLA S  KOLGLA S  ARKELE  ABJAGE  ARKELE  1.323.47  MGSEE  MT VERNO  BRIAGEDO	SPGS 1.066.50 BROOKSVILLE SPGS 1.066.50 CONCORD CONCOR	1.800.04 PINE CREST 2.240.00 PINELAKE 171.50 PROMIDENCE B CH 160.00 PUCKETT 5.023.21 REHOBETH 592.00 ROBINHOOD BAPY C	102.15 UNION COUNTY 4.613.22 AMAZIAH 1.35.00 BEULAM 1.411.00 BLUE SPG5 2.405.00 CENTER 411.27 CLARK STREET	
ALCORN ALCORN ANTIOCH NO STHILEHEN ANTIOCH NO STHIL	NCE   100.00	CRESCENT WILL SCATTLE SECTION OF THE ASANT CRESCENT WILL BEGGE TO SOUTHS TO EMMANUEL STATE TO SOUTHS TO EMMANUEL STATE SOUTHS TO SOUTH	T HILL 1.395.20 WESTS IDE 1.395.20 OKTIBBEHA	110.38 STAR 12.058.60 SUNSHINE THORN HILL TRINITY BAPT CH UNION 176.62 3-434.00 WALKER HILL MSN	597.37 CORNERSVILLE 3.062.00 ELLISTOWN 3.7. 2.326.13 FBC NEW ALBANY 12.6 1.00.00 FREDONIA 3.2 1.138.74 GLENFIELD 6. 562.65 MARMONY 1.4 813.13 HILLOREST 1.5 86.332.74 INCOMAR 3.7	728.37 200.00 269.17 950.00 96.58 349.82 834.64 268.63 631.41 41.33 501.00 777.50
GETHLEHER 463.04 POPLAR SPGS CALVARY 11NE 1118-30 SHADY GRY E CORINTH 375.00 SHYRNA FBC BIGGERSVILLE 715.00 STRONG HOPE GLENDALE 132.23 WESSON HOLLY HOLLY 560.00 ZION HILL	745.54 507.00 HUMPHREY 795.35 BEULAH 507.00 CALVARY 200.00 700.00 EASTSIDE 1.800.05	FBC MERIDIAN FELLOWSHIP FIFTEENTH AVE GOODVATER GRANDVIEW HEBRON HICKORY GRV HIGKORY GRV HIGHLAND HEBRON HIGKORY GRV HIGHLAND HEBRON HIGKORY GRV HIGHLAND HEBRON HIGHLAND HEBR	451.00 FBC MABEN 742.10 FBC STARKVILLE 17.988.83 LONGVIEW 1686.35 MEADOW VIEW 27.751.00 MORGAN CPL	344440 RIVERSIDE 105-00 CHERRY ST 2-962-02 CLARKSDALE 1-324-00 FBC TUNICA 8-796-62 JONESTOWN 103-00 LULA	537.00 KEOWNVILLE 6.550.74 MACEDONIA 5.011.67 MYRTLE 125.00 NEW HARMONY 1.452.00 NEW JOAK GRV 1.452.00 NEW JOAK GRV 2.405.00 NEW JOAK GRV 2.405.00 NEW JOAK GRV 2.405.00 NEW JOAK GRV	501-00 501-00 562-31 21-81 57-00 019-00 223-07 250-00 307-57
MOLLY   900.00   210N HILL	1.030.00 ITAWAMBA 516.80 FAIRVIEW 1.080.55 FBC FULTON 3.100.22	REVALUE   127.00   MOLLY SP	N CRK 2.757.05 SELF CRK 2.667.70 STURGIS 134.00 WAKE FOREST B CH	1.0000 00 RIVERSIDE 01730:00 EN 626-31 UNION CPL	1.748.75 PLEASANT HILL 1.8 820.00 PLEASANT RIDGE 2.2 30.426.66 TEMPLE 1.00	170.50 15.00 891.48 257.25 000.00 147.00 244.00
TATE STREET TISMIMINGO CPL UNION UNI	352.50 NEW HOME 358.25 210.87 RIVER HILL 128.00 431.24 SALEM 128.00 534.00 TRINITY 3.300.00 500.00 888.45 415.55 JACKSON	NORTHCREST 590.00 MARSHAL OAKLAND HGTS 2,240.30 BVHALIA PINE FOREST 1,500.00 CALVARY PINE GRV 1,963.16 CAREY CPU 1,963.16 CAREY	47.973.17 CRENSHAW ENID LAKE MSN 1.547.70 FBC BATESVILLE 1.350.52 FBC SARDIS 1.350.52 FBC SARDIS	100.00 CLIFTON 1032.00 CODPENVILLE 10.377.84 E FOREST 3.006.25 E MORTON 515.00 EPHESUS 563.05 FBC LAKE	1.181.25 401.50 247.50 WALTHALL 1.985.36 CALVARY 833.28 CENTERVILLE	181.00
BEREA BOWLIN CARSON RIDGE COUNTY LINE EDGEFIELD ETHE FBC KOSCIUSKO HUBBICANE FRANKLIM SEMINARY SOLOW UNION RRIDGE VINE 50.00 WILLIAMSBURG SOLOW 1.527.35 FRANKLIM	3.173.00 ARLINGTON HGTS 5.103.34 22.00 BELLEFOUNTAIN 532.77 1.000.00 BELLEHAVEN 448.55 247.00 CAUSARIDGE 2.660.00 22.106.96 E MOSS POINT 4.61.13 EASTLAWN 2.096.03 EMBAUGEL 1.052.74	SALEH   560.00 MT MORIAN	103.00 LIBERTY HILL 103.00 LIBERTY HILL 103.00 LIBERTY HILL 1673.23 MCIVOR 1673.23 MCIVOR 173.53 PEACH CRK 173.55,03 PEACH CRK 173.55,03 PEACS LIA	100.00 100.00 450.00 HARPERVILLE 603.14 75.00 HOME WOOD 1.401.75 1.401.75 1.500 1.5	386.00 NEW ZION 2.17 .60.00 SALEM 1.36	085.00 673.95 640.56 766.00 857.05 663.85 173.91 261.22 355.08
PILGRIMS REST 75.00 LUCIEN	150.00 ESCATAWPA 1.694.65 740.00 FBC GAUTIER 7.022.87 907.11 FBC HELENA 1.502.27 150.00 FBC MOSS POINT 5.349.26 2.046.50 FBC OCEAN SPRING 5.003.36 500.00 FBC ORANGE GRY 199.23	ANTIOCH 429.15 BERUICK ARM 1.352.00 CALVARY 1.312.00 CALVARY 1.312.00 CALVARY 1.24.77 CROSTY CARMEL 29.00 EPORK 29.00 EPORK 1.253.95 ENTERPAIR 1.2	PILGRIMS REST POPE SHADY GRV 1.867.00 TDCDWA 1.0076.88 1.200.00 PEARL RIVER	1.021.16 MT DLIVET 612-00 NEW HORETY 100.00 NEW 210N 220-00 NO MORTON B CH 28.953.77 AK GRV RULASKI	25.00 130.05 75.00 60.00 300.00 596.00 275.00	748.40
SAND HILL SEC KOSCIUSKO SPRINGOALE SPRINGOALE UNITY 1.005.00 WILLIAMSVILLE YOCKANOOKANY 1.005.59 ROXIE YOCKANOOKANY 1.005.59 ROXIE YOCKANOOKANY 2.005.59 ROXIE	200.00 FIRST INDIAN, 162.35 1.400.14 FOUR MILE CRK 970.06 232.00 FRANKLIN-CRK B C 99.00 GRACELAND 1.173.00 3.000.00 GRIFFIN ST 224.10 235.00 HURLEY 336.98	NONTICELLD   7.000.00   GALILEE	2.855.63 CENTRAL BAPT CH CORNTT 1.151.00 CRANE CRK 1.26.35 EMMANUEL 1.050.00 FAITH MEMORIAL L. 1.000.00 FBC CARRIERE 1.510.00 FBC NICHOLSON ANT 1.518.00 FBC DIANA 233.00 FBC PICAYUNF	1 200.00 SEBASTOPOL 417.00 SPRINGFIELD 250.00 STEELE 315.00 TEMPLE 1184.70 SHARKEY-ISSAQUENA	1.000.00 BOYINA 1.00 2.510.00 BOYINAR 5.52 848.00 CALVARY 5.50 5.39.00 FBC VICKSBURG 18.01 30.336.83 GOOGRUM MEM 81 GRACE 37 HIGHLAND 2.08 524.05 IMMANUEL 2.08	3.11 3.53 0.00 6.61 9.33 75.09 81.36
BENTON  ASHLAND  CANAAN  HICKORY FLAT  NEW CENTRAL  NEW HOPE  173-00  RAPTICLA  AGRICOLA  173-00  RAPTICLA	751.00 KREDLE AVE 2.400.00 LILLY ORCHARD 121.28 200.00 MAGNOL IA 295.96 201.65 MARTIN BLUFF MCCLELLAN RD B C 315.71 MIDWAY 163.00 MGALLS AVE 1.530.23	TOPENA 1.137.80 MEW ZIGN MEW ZIGN OAK GRY ZIGN OAK ZIGN O	746.26 FBC PDPLARVILLE 1.625.00 FDRDS CRK 281.62 GDGDYEAR 567.00 GRACE MEM 1.390.00 HARMONY E 6.166.55 JUNIPER GRV 1.30.185.30 HEMLEYFIELD	12.466.18 DEER CRK 8.103.36 FBC ANGULL'A 150.00 FBC DELTA CITY 6.631.20 FBC ROLLING FORK 356.06 STRAIGHT BAYOU 725.00 VALLEY PARK 2.383.67 SIMPSON		7.00 7.40 0.00 8.61 3.61
BOLIVAR  BELLEVIEW BAPT C 400.00 SOUTHS IDE BAP C 150.00 SOUTHS IDE BAP C 2.840.27 GREENE 160.00 ANTIOCH	10-421-19 PINE CREST 207-00   5-00   5-642-23 RED CRE UNION   30-00	FREE NY 401.24 MONROE FREENY 401.24 MONROE GOOD HOPE 545.85 ANTIOCH LENA 1.210.25 BARTAHATC MADDEN 600.00 BECKER MIDWAY 85.00 CASON MT CARMEL 25.00 CENTRAL MT ZIDN 543.00 CENTRAL	CHIE 300.00 PARKYIEW CHAPEL 300.00 PARKYIEW CHAPEL 31.50 PINE GRV 637.32 ROSE LAND PK 637.32 ROSE LAND PK 6488.55 SPR ING HILL 3.103.00 STEEP HOLLOW GRV UNION	5.247-00 ANTIOCH 267-00 ATHENS 1.000-00 BETHLEHEM 4.31-30 BRAXTON 2.033-55 CALVARY BRAXTON COAT COAT	1.679.07 BDGUE 50 636.61 CALVARY 2.291 578.39 CHINESE MSN 664 1.009.65 DARLDVE 763 469.35 EMMANUEL 2.667	7.00 50.00 11.25 54.03 53.25
FBC BOYLE 1.557.06 AVERA FBC CLEVELAND 7.890-14 CEDAR GRY FBC ROSEDALE 1.100.00 FBC LEAKESVILLE FBC SHELBY 555.00 FBC ACLAIN GUNNISON 785.00 JOHNSON CRK INTERSTATE 250.00 MEELY MERIGOLD 1847.5 PIAVE	1.322.63 50.23 1.404.35 1.406.36	MEW HOPE	OFEN 991.83 UNION UNITY 991.83 UNION UNITY 91.836.00 UNITY 91.00 UNITY 91.00 UNITY 91.00 UNITY 91.00 UNION 91.00 U	2.112.05 240.00 FBC MAGEE 5.603.70 FBC MENDENHALL GOUDWATER GOSHEN GUM SPGS 48 HARRISVILLE	2.576.98 FBC ECLAND 10.966.13 GREENFIELD 6.035.22 HOLLANDALE 1.400.00 LAKE WASHINGTON 39.00 LAKE WASHINGTON 101.63 NORTHSIDE 5.429.92 PARKVIEW GREENVI	1.06 2.40 10.50 1.14 17.94 18.00
MIDWAY MORRISON CPL 1.220.80 PLEASANT HILL PACE 2.026.00 SAND HILL PACY MEMORIAL 290.17 W SALEM SKENE 3.711.14 TRINITY 440.00 GRENADA	100.00 CORINTH 8.314.57 S 183.00 EDON 1.555.00 S 1.000.00 FAIR RIDGE 100.00 112.00 F 293.05 FBC MOSS 263.00 W 415.00 FBC SHADY GRV 1.168.00 FBC SHADY GRV 1.168.00 FBC SHADY GRV 1.168.00 FBC SHADY GRV 1.168.00 LAKE COMO 1.950.00 LAKE COMO 1.950.00 S	SUNRISE 1.174.00 ROCKY \$PG THOMASTOWN 490.75 NETTLET TRIMITY 1.293.87 SMITHVILL TUSCOLA 591.00 SQUYMS IOE WALMUY GRV 4.120.36 TRIMITY WIGGINS 137.00 TRIMITY	GS 71.32 BREWER TON 328.00 FBC BEAUMONT LE 603.35 FBC NEW AUGUSTA E 1.490.69 FBC RUNNELSTOWN 105.43 INDIAN SPGS 50.571.54 SEMINARY	260.94 HOLLY GRY 260.94 KENNEDY SPG5 975.03 HACEDONIA 1.205.00 HAGEE/PLEASANT H 1.054.24 HAIN ST 2.609.60 HT. ZIDN 1.10.00 NEW HOPE 10.736.02 OAK GRY	200.00 RIVERPORT   563   563   564	3.97 2.03 5.56
VALE STREET 150.00 AIRPORT BETHEL 1.000.00 BETHEL EMMANUEL FOR GRENADA FRIENDSHIP GALE STREET 20.00 HEBRON HEBRON 1.200.00 HEBRON	220.00 LOUIN 1.510.58 L 200.00 MONTROSE 710.00 C 1.375.67 NEW CONCORD 500.00 C 1.635.51 NEW FELLOWSHIP 630.00 C 1.637.12 PINE GRV 155.00 E 447.00 STRINGER 670.05 E 984.44 UNION SEMINARY 430.51 F	BEACON 1.100.00 BETHLEHEM ETHSAIDA CAPTERVILLE 2.379.76 DUCK HILD CONTROL CONT	25.00 BALA CHITTO BALA CHITTO BALA CHITTO BALA CHITTO BALA CHITTO CALVARY 13.636.18 BOGUE CHITTO CALVARY 1.200.00 CENTRAL SPGS MCCOMB	A10.00 PALESTINE PINE GRV PINOLA 735.90 PINOLA 746.00 PLEASANT HILL PI PLEASANT VALLEY POPLAR SPGS 3-3136-80 SHIVERS 3-3136-80 SHIVERS	417.00 1.235.75 B16 CRK 1.367.00 BUCKATUNNA 1.755 167.00 CALVARY 2.700 100.00 CHAPPARAL 577 1.535.00 CLEAR CRK 555 500.00 COUNTY LINE 512 207.00 COUNTY LINE 512	59.00 92.33 75.42 50.60 12.20 72.00
BIG CRK BIG CRK 259.00 EMADPORDS CPL COLLEGE HILL DERRA ORIVERS FLAT DUNCAN HILL ELLARD FBC BRUCF BIG CRK 259.00 PROVIDENCE TEMPLE TEMPLE  2.000.00 TEMPLE 355.00 TEMPLE 355.00	200.00 JEFF-DAVIS 400.00 ANTIOCH 350.00 FF 285.00 BASSFJELD 1.280.75 GF 6.170.76 BETHANY 1.470.67 GF CARSON 661.00 DUBLIN 412.68 MI	FBC GLENDALE 2.040.19 PINE FORE: FBC MATTIESBURG 15.026.22 POPLAR CRI FBC MCLAURIN 1.418.00 POPLAR SPI FBC MCLAURIN 1.600.28 SCOTLAND GRACEL CPL 610.00 SHILOH GREENS CRK 701.00 STEWART MACEDONIA 3.215.00 UNION MAIN ST 12.550.43 UNION	1.293.81 EAST UNION 674.00 FBC MAGMOLIA 24.27 FBC MCCOMB 280.00 FBC SUMMIT 210.00 FELLOWSHIP 10.00 FELNOWOD 243.63 FRIENDSHIP 674.00 HOLMESVILLE 41.00 IMMANUEL	482-32 STONEWALL 6-966-45 STONEWALL 16-294-02 STRONG RIVER 4-855-67 4-51-00 1-006-75 2-907-30 SMITH	270.00 ERET 275 180.00 ERET 275 553.27 EUCUTTA 150 43.249.74 EVERGREEN 500 FBC CHICORA 500 FBC CLARA 600 FBC STATE LINE 1.715 FBC WAYNESBORO 6.335 50.00 MT 210N 1.597	75.00 50.00 15.75 00.00 50.00 15.00 15.00
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TURKEY CRK 105.00 FBC WAYELAND 105.00 FBC WIGGINS FBC WIGGINS FBC WIGGINS FBC WIGGINS FBC WIGGINS FORREST AVE GRACE MEM CARROLLTON 2.022.50 GULF GARDENS GULF FORT HGTS LTBERTY 776.00 MANOSBORD	308-05 FBC SOSO 1.054-35 E 3.680-83 FELLOWSHIP 411.00 FL 705-43 FREEDOM BAPT CH 1.200-00 EU 4.705-77 GLADE 1.200-02 FB 4.776-77 GLADE 626-53 FB 506-00 MARMONY 2.080-03 FB 3.845-32 MEBRON 1.379-45 GR	MESTERVILLE 333:13 OAK GRV METGHTS 2:134:40 OLO PEARL MT ZION 600.00 PINE GRV UCLAFUBBA 100.00 SALEM BC BALDWYN 3.300.06 SARDIS BC NETTLETON 2:375.70 SPRING CRR BC SHANNON 1:032:00 TRINITY BC SHANNON 1:032:00 TRINITY BC T	VALLEY 320-51 FI FI FOND TITLE VILLEY 320-51 FI FI FOND MIP 1422-00 FURRS 270-00 HARMONY 236-00 [MMANUEL LIBERTY 911-95 LOCUST HILL 190-20 LONGY IEW	12:380.00 BETHANY 822:85 BLAINE 563:00 DREW 1638:00 DREW 1638:00 EASTWOOD 1:202:60 FAIRVIEW 1:353:61 FBC INDIANOLA	WORPHY CRK 1-19- NOXARPAYER 5-19- 271-b9 OAK GRV 30-00 POPLAR FLAT 1-256 2-691-20 5 LOUISVILLE 1-934 2-252-75 SHILDH 911 7-52-21 SINGLETON 800 7-101-48 UNION RIDGE 954	7.54 4.00 6.66 4.18 1.85 0.00 4.34
1013-45   HIGHLAND MSN   HIGHLAND	95.00 HIGHLAND 8.420.57 GU 78.05 HILLCREST 256.45 IN 10.510 LAWN HAVEN 598.25 MAI 11.304.95 LOWERY CRK 156.00 NEI 809.82 MOSELLE MEM 1500.00 PAI 818.76 MYRICK 902.59 PAI	RACE MEMORIAL 125.00 NEW CHOC NOT NO NEW CHOC NEW CHOC NETHANY TRONG 624.84 BOGUE HOMA CHOC NETHANY TO 230.90 HOPE ARRWAY 2.003.05 HOPE WELL LANTERSYLLE 2.47.00	24.468.09 MIDWAY NEW HOPE DAK HILL POINT OF THE PROPERTY OF TH	1.082.08 FBC INVERNESS 33.84 LINN 1.216.76 MODRHEAD 1.41.00 ROME 538.00 ROUNDAWAY 3.465.00 SEC INDIANOLA 3.46.00 SEC INDIANOLA 3.46.00 SEC SINDIANOLA	2-484-67 WESS CPL 3-10. 510-05 FINSTON 3-11. 1-060-56 922-00 943-00 YALOBUSHA 3-021-50 BETHEL 2-229. 1-000-00 CALVARY 2-200.	0.00 1.00 0.00 2.37
CHICKARAW  AMITY ARBOR GRV BETHEL CARNATION FBC HOULKA FBC HOUSTON FBC OKOLONA FBC OKOLONA FBC HOUSTON FBC OKOLONA FBC HOUSTON FBC OKOLONA FBC HOUSTON FBC OKOLONA	1.018.49 NEW HOPE 1.401.50 PR 342.75 OAKLAND GRV 865.43 R1 710.09 PARK MAVEN 776.88 SAI 470.00 PECAN GRV 157.00 SOI 422.00 PINE GRV 1.147.00 SOI 1.157.00 SOI 1.1	RICEVILLE 356.23 MY ZION CHMDND 314.00 QLO CANANN ALTILLO 3.110.64 PINE BLUFF OUTHERN GTS 250.00 EMPLE GRV 169.76 NEWTON NION CPL 60.00 BEAT LINE NION HILL 100.00 BETHEL	106.10 TOXISH 166.84 TRUEY GRV 25.00 VALLEY GRV 139.91 WEIGHTS 210.08 PRENTISS 765.00 PRENTISS	1.190.00 153.65 TALLAHATCHIE 1.776.28 CASCILLA 2.532.28 CORINTH 1.431.65 COWART 43.791.84 FRIENDSHIP FBC CHARLESTON FBC CHARLESTON	24.716.11 DIVIDING RIDGE FBC INFEEVILLE 1.793.68 FBC INFEEVILLE 1.793.68 FBC INFEEVILLE 1.000.00 TUCKALDF 1.000.00 PINE GRV 425. 2.025.00 TILLATOBA 453.	3.70 2.00 2.28 2.00 2.44 5.50 1.00
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# Minnises begin third Bible study with Indians in Nevada

James and Edith Minnis, who do language work with Indians in Nevada, have just begun their third Bible study fellowship among the Indians within a nine-week period. The Minnises are from Mississippi-Jackson and Brandon.

Mrs. Adrian Hall, executive director, Nevada WMU, told the women at the Mississippi WMU Convention in Columbus March 23, "They serve an area covering 2,800 miles. They not only work with the Schsonee and Piaute, but also with the ranchers and townspeople of McDermitt.

"Their area of work is so difficult that the Catholic church has cut back its services to once a month and the Mormon church completely disbanded. Yet God is blessing their work

and it's growing."
Wycliff Bible Translators are helping them learn scripture songs in the Indian language, she reported. "The Minnises are thrilled to have the wife of a tribal leader attend. She has been saved and wants to be baptized. However, her husband is deeply involved in the Native American Church which involves the use of the drug peyote and the use of voodoo. She is quite frightened."

The association has been trying to find proper living quarters for the Minnises. They lived for a time in a mobile home. Now they are exploring the possibility of building a small home, using lumber from another structure.

Mrs. Hall said, "They are in need of workers for mission VBS, and could use old Home Life magazines, Mature Living, Scripture portions, Bibles, and

Christmas in August type material." Minnis is a bi-vocational pastor, and the couple receives some financial aid from First Baptist Church, Jackson. Their address is McDermitt Baptist Church, Box 421, McDermitt, Nev.

A man took his 10-year-old son to an elegant restaurant and was surprised to hear him order the usual ham-burger. "Try something different and unusual," he urged him.

"I am," he whispered. "I never had a three-dollar hamburger before!"

### Marion County churches to Grace, Vicksburg sponsor Jay Strack crusade

**Baptist churches of Marion County** will host an area-wide evangelistic crusade Apr. 25-30 at the Columbia Water Park, featuring evangelist Jay Strack.

Strack, from Ft. Worth, Texas, addresses the moral problems of America during crusades and other

appearances before schools. His ability to relate to the enticements of today's society comes out of his own experience with alcohol and drug addiction. Although alcohol cost Strack his father, his mother, and his brother, he failed to uphold his own vow never to take a drink. By the time he reached high school he had long since passed alcohol and gone on to

At 17, after spending the summer in

a detention center, he was told of the message of Jesus Christ and accepted him as Lord and Savior.

Each time Strack is in a town he visits as many schools as he can, relating his experience with drugs and alcohol and the changed life he found in Jesus Christ.

The Jay Strack Evangelistic Association also produces films for schools, churches, and civic groups on the abuse of drugs, alcohol, and sex. In his book, Drugs and Drinking: The All-American Cop-Out, Strack deals with the problems which face most young people.

Ken Jordan, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Columbia, is publicity chairman of the Jay Strack Crusade Steering Committee.

### wants addresses

Grace Baptist Church, Vicksburg, will have homecoming day on June 6. Members are seeking addresses of former members and also old photographs of members and former members, etc., for use in a scrapbook. Anyone with information or photos to send may contact Mrs. Garvin Sherard (phone 601-636-3446) or Grace Baptist Church, Route 2, Box 162, Vicksburg, Miss. 39180.

Independence, Mo. (EP)-While Wallace B. Smith, president of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, waited in a private room on March 30, delegates to the church's world conference overwhelmingly accepted a document he released to the church as being the word of God. Most of the document concerns changes in assignments for several of the top church officers.

# Bible Book Series

### David anointed king over Israel

By Howard E. Spell, Clinton 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 9-12

Following the death of Abner and of Ishbosheth there does not seem to have been any leader in the northern tribes powerful enough to establish a government and declare himself king. If there were those who aspired to such a role, we are not told about them.

I. The elders of the people turn to David (5:1-3)

It will be recalled that before his death. Abner had conferred with the elders of Israel about their turning to David as their leader. Thus the way had been paved for a delegation from the north to journey to Hebron and confer with David. The expression "all the tribes of Israel came to David" need not mean that the total population made the trip. Representatives of all the tribes is probably to be understood. Was there some flattery in their assertion that even when Saul was king, David was the real leader?

It seems only natural for us to wonder about what was involved in the statement: "And King David made a covenant with them before the Lord at Hebron" (5:3b NASV). There is little doubt that David actually sought God's leadership. Naturally there would have been questions raised, favors requested, and even demands made on both sides.

Some understanding would have been sought concerning the power the king would exert, the number of men required for military duty with the percentages to be sought from each tribe, and the amount of taxes to be paid. Did some of the elders want political appointments for themselves or their families? Of course questions like this must go unanswered, but we should remember something about human nature and personal ambitions.

II. A bird's-eye view of David's reign

Since we shall have nine more lessons dealing with the years of Israel's history during David's reign, verses 4-5 merely summarize a few pertinent facts. In thinking about David's age when he became king, one needs to keep in mind that people in different eras and unlike cultures have varying ideas about what constitutes maturity. Although he was only 30 years of age, David had lived through some very trying times and had gained varied experiences to help him in his new role.

III. Jerusalem made the capital city (5:6-7)

We are not told who raised the question about where the king over all Israel should live. Surely all would have agreed that Hebron was too far to the south. In all probability representatives from several of the larger cities had pointed out the advantages of selecting their city as the ideal location for the seat of government.

From the book of Joshua we learn that the tribe of Judah had not been able to drive the Jebusites from their stronghold and really possess this territory which had been assigned to them even though they had killed the king and burned the city.

Having grown up in Bethlehem, David knew the advantages of the location since only six miles separated the two places. It is from Jebus and Shalom (Salem), the Hebrew word meaning "peace," that we get Jebus Shalom or Jerusalem. So easily fortified was Jebus that they had claimed even the blind and the lame could defend it against attackers. David had other ideas about this and did capture the city. We are given no details of the attack, nor are we told specifically that David sought the Lord's leadership in this venture; but it is assumed that he did so.

IV. David begins a building program

Verses 9-10 are again rather summary statements and are not intended as explicit accounts of how David became greater and greater. From what is said in verses 11-12 one might assume Hiram the king of Tyre, took the initiative in constructing buildings in Jerusalem. Of course Hiram could have seen this would be a good market for their products, but it is likely David took the initiative.

Palestine produced very little of what would have been called suitable building material. To be sure, there were olive and fig trees in abundance, but these were needed for providing food and would not have been cut even. if the wood had been desirable for construction purposes. There were, along the River Jordan, some trees of a rapidly growing, soft variety, but they would not have furnished the timbers necessary for large public buildings. Thus David entered into contract negotiations with Hiram to provide cedars of Lebanon and other building materials.

Although the Israelites had constructed many of their own dwellings, they apparently lacked the skills needed for larger edifices. It is not known when, for example, they learned the art of iron working. From 1 Samuel 13:19 we learn there were no blacksmiths in Israel at that time, and the Philistines had refused to teach them the art. Hiram was to provide the necessary materials and workmen, but we do not know the details of the contract which David negotiated.

In all of these events God was using various factors in helping to build individuals and a nation. David "realized that the Lord had established him as king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the sake of his people Israel" (2 Sam. 5:12 NASV).

Today God is still interested in the development of his people—even more interested than we ourselves are. In our prayer life we sometimes seem to be begging God for our wants forgetting that he is anxious for his people to have the best. We simply need to meet his conditions for receiving what a loving God can provide.

#### Morgan City church founder dies at 101

Mrs. Willie Love Brent, age 101, died Feb. 23, 1982, in Greenwood Leflore Hospital after a brief illness. She was

the last living founder of the Morgan City Baptist Church, Morgan City, Miss.

When she was a baby, about 100 years ago, her family moved to the Morgan City area, when it was "in the

woods and Morgan City not even thought of yet." After the move, her grandmother set a goal to start a Sunday School.

Like her grandmother, Mrs. Brent was a strong Christian. She taught Sunday School in her front yard before the Morgan City Baptist Church was started. (The church was organized in 1906.) Later she played the piano at church and was active in WMU.

On her 100th birthday, the church gave a party, honoring her and expressing appreciation for her dedication to the Lord through the years.

The Home Mission Offering Year is January 1 - December

# Just for the Record

Rienzi Baptist Church, Alcorn Association, billed April "Glory Month." During the month, church members are engaging in a "Spring into Summer" attendance campaign and a "Show Us Thy Glory" stewardship emphasis. Using a point system, Sunday School classes are competing for a high attendance banner each Sunday and for a new Scofield Reference Bible to be awarded the teacher of the highest scoring class for the month. Wiley Gann is pastor.

The young people's Sunday School class of Bradford Chapel Church, Calhoun County, held a Walk-a-Thon April 3, with \$800 proceeds going to Blondie Baker to be used to help correct a hearing problem. Thomas James is the young people's Sunday School teacher.

Russell Baptist Church, Rt. 10, Meridian, had a goal of \$700 for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions and raised \$828. Charles Griffith is pastor and Mrs. Hazel Hicks is WMU director.

The Sons of Faith Quartet, a professional gospel music group, will sing at Palestine Baptist Church, Harrisville, Sat. night, April 24, at 7:30 p.m. "There will be no admission charge, but a love offering will be taken," said Sammy McDonald, Harrisville music director.

### Chickasaw to hold tent crusade

The Chickasaw County Baptist Association will have a two week tent evangelistic crusade. The first week will be April 25-30, 7 p.m. at Van Vleet. The second week will be May 2-7, 7 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Campground.

The evangelistic team for the first week is Mel Craft, pastor, First Church, Richland, and Hubert Greer, music evangelist, from Brookhaven. The team for the second week is Guy Henderson, Mississippi Baptist evangelism director, and Dan Hall, Mississippi Baptist church music director.

The crusade is being sponsored in cooperation with the Evangelism Department, Miss. Baptist Convention Board, and the churches in the association. Hollis Bryant, Cooperative Missions Department, MBCB, is the foster missionary.

"I have to do something" will always solve more problems than "Something must be done."



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, WINSTON COUNTY, has awarded pins for perfect attendance in Sunday School. Ken Cooper, pastor, left, looks on as Billy Watson, Sunday School director, pins the 23rd-year pin on Albert Metts. Others receiving pins were Mrs. Mavis Hudson, 11 years, and Mrs. Albert Metts, one year.



DEBBIE REDDING, Jeanne Norman, Angela Hendrix, and Leigh Hurdle, members of First Baptist Church, Holly Springs, have attained the level of Queen in Acteens. They were crowned in a Studiact recognition service. Leaders in Acteens are Mrs. Donnie Stewart and Mrs. Mike McNulty. Pastor is Donnie L. Stewart.

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By Bill R. Baker, pastor, First, Clinton Genesis 11 and 12

A place in the Bible may be just that, a place. However, it may be more. A place may represent an idea or symbolize an experience. Consequently, geographical study in Scripture is more than just locating places. Golgotha is more than a place, for example.

Consider Haran as it relates to the life of Abraham. God had spoken. He wanted Abraham out of Ur of the Chaldees, but he wanted more than just to get him out of something; he desired to get him into something, namely Canaan. God's direction is not only AWAY FROM, but also TO. Failure to understand this may result in disappointment and lack of ultimate fulfillment.

There were strong ties compelling Abraham to remain har-

bored in Haran. This was the place of his family. His brother settled here and, in fact, the place is called the city of Nahor (Gen. 24:10). In those days there was a strong family tie and surely Abraham would have enjoyed living near his brother.

Haran was a good place to rear children. Maybe not the best place in the world, but certainly not the worst. Rearing children is of paramount importance to concerned parents. Abraham saw to it that his son Isaac married a girl from Haran even though he had moved miles away. This must have been a good place for securing wives in particular since Jacob went there for Rachel.

Haran was also a good place for business. Ezekiel speaks of the economic life there. The trade route connecting Damascus, Nineveh and Carchemish came by Haran.

Abraham's father died in Haran (Gen. 11:32) and death can often dull the sharp edge of incentive and progress.

Abraham faced a certain unknown in leaving Haran and he was 75 years of age. So why leave? Because God had spoken and divine purposes were operating. Regardless of the assets, no child of God must be content to harbor in Haran when there is a call to Canaan.

### Life and Work Lesson

### A call to obedience

By James L. Travis
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Deuteronomy 1:14:49

For the following several Sundays we shall be looking at one of the books of the Pentateuch in the Old Testament (Deuteronomy). To sort out and apply these ancient teachings to the contemporary situation involves the dual task of attempting to understand the setting in life of the original writing, and also interpreting the truth from that original time in light of today's situation and needs.

I. The setting of events in Deuteronomy (1:1a): This opening statement sets the stage for the book of Deuteronomy. In this first verse what is to follow in the next thirty-four chapters is purported to be Moses' farewell speech to and encounter with Israel. One may take that statement at face value and proceed from there to try to understand what this meant to the Jewish nation at this early formative period and make application to modern times.

It seems to me, however, more helpful to take into account the preponderance of biblical scholarship which, after careful study, has proposed that the book of Deuteronomy, while based on the oral tradition of Moses' interaction with Israel in these last days of his life, was actually written down hundreds of years later after Israel had been formed into a nation and had experienced considerable history of struggle to follow the teachings of Yahweh.

The book of Deuteronomy has been associated with the reform of King Josiah in 622/21 B.C. The aims of that reform that are spelled out in II Kings 22-23 find parallels in the core of Deuteronomy (5-26). However, most scholars suggest that the book originated in a time just prior to that, perhaps reaching back into the reign of King Hezekiah in 715-687/6 B.C. Therefore, Deuteronomy would contain the influence of the eighth century prophets, particularly Isaiah.

If this is the case, then this Israel which is addressed by Moses is very different from the one which stood at the foot of Mt. Horeb. This latter Israel knows Palestine with all its religious temptations. Politically, it has experienced a king and a graded civil service. The economic structures are no

longer that of the patriarchy which existed during the wilderness odyssey from Egypt to Canaan. Rather, the stage of the economy as evidenced in the book of Deuteronomy is based on currency. Statements such as found in 17:14-20 which spell-out how a king should conduct himself lead one to believe that they had already experienced kingship and had witnessed the unfortunate consequences of a monarchy that did not follow the leadership of Yahweh.

Also, the statements in the 15th chapter regarding the cancellation of debts presupposes a currency-based economy that would have been far advanced beyond the primitive economic structure of the wilderness wanderers. There are many other indications in this book that it was put together at a much later time than the entrance into Canaan. However, the point should be noted clearly and strongly, that far from invalidating the book for our use today, it renders it all the more appropriate in our struggles to live up to our heritage.

If the Israel to which Deuteronomy was specifically addressed had few points of comparison with the Israel of those early days, if it was separated from the events of Horeb by a long and extremely incriminating history, could the later Israel still be Yahweh's people? The book of Deuteronomy brings back the answer clear and unambiguous. It is to this Israel, the people just as it was, that Yahweh's election and promise of salvation was proclaimed.

Deuteronomy was a way of saying that six centuries which had been a struggle with sin and constant apostasy were cancelled out. Israel, once more, could recall itself to Mt. Horeb to hear the divine word of salvation which had not lost its power. That word of salvation is captioned in a statement later on in the book of Deuteronomy (27:9), "This day thou art to become the people of Yahweh of God."

It seems to me that our nation today finds itself in similar circumstances. We have a tradition, not only going back to the foundation of the Judeo-Christian faith, but in the more than two centuries in this country in which there has been the struggle to live up to the principles on which the nation was founded. We often have not been successful, and yet again and again, from various corners of society, we are cal-

led back to that which promotes human dignity, freedom from oppression, the affirmation of the worth of each individual, and an awareness of the abiding values of life which extend far beyond the surface of materialism. Caught as we are today between the race to arm ourselves out of a sense of protection and the horrifying apocalyptic prospect of the destruction of the entire world, America needs to hear once again the proclamation of the truth imbedded in the book of Deuteronomy.

II. A heritage of greatness (4:5-8): We can examine this passage both from the standpoint of individuals and the standpoint of a nation. As Christians whose theological roots go all the way back into our Judeo-Christian heritage, we have received the moral guidelines and the law of love which offer to us the possibility of shaping our lives in redemptive and creative ways even in the midst of national and international crises.

As a nation we need to recall the foundations of this political reality we refer to as the United States. Though it cannot be said of the United States that we are indeed a Christian nation (we are far too pluralistic in our religious makeup for that claim to be made), it is a historical fact that the Judeo-Christian principles form a major part of the way in which we have shaped this country. With that awareness, as Christians we can be duly affirmed in our sense of uniqueness, not in an arrogant claim to be better than any other religious grouping, but the kind of humble appreciation that ours is a choice privilege and responsibility to not only live out individually, but collectively, those great truths which really do make a nation great.

III. Obedience as a response to God's mercy (4:36-39): The writer of this passage reminds his readers that the God who called all things into being has, in fact, always taken the first step in initiating a relationship with humankind. The image here is of that divine and devoted call out of heaven itself to the creature wandering in confusion and sin.

From the references to the deliverance from bondage in Egypt and the struggle to make Canaan their own land, this passage is concluded by an affirmation which is important for us to keep before us in this modern world. The Lord is God throughout all reality, in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath, and in light of that, no other

## Uniform Lesson

### Assurance in times of stress

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Revelation 1:1-3, 9-11; 13:1-4

This is the first in a series of six lessons on Revelation, the most difficult and confusing book in our Bible. The first thing many of us need to do is learn to say the name correctly. So, now, say the following aloud three times: "It is Revelation and not Revelations."

Not only is Revelation a bewildering book, but a great array of equally bewildering commentaries and interpretations have been written about it. When we read two interpretations of Revelation we often wonder if they are written about the same book. Almost anything we write about Revelation can be documented in some commentary and subsequently refuted in another.

The passages chosen for today afford a general introduction to this book of visions, symbols, and vivid descriptions.

I. Introduction to Revelation (Revelation 1:1-3)

At the outset, Revelation claims to be a revelation of Jesus Christ. This could mean that it is a revelation by Christ, or a revelation about Christ, or that it is a revelation which belongs to Christ. The Greek can be translated either way and in this case probably all are true. Revelation is the word of God given to Christ and he is both the revealer and the revealed.

Revelation is written in apocalyptic

style so that its intended receivers will understand and also that it will not be meaningful to those who would persecute the Christians. The Greek apokalupsis is translated revelation and means an unveiling.

The book is the word of God about things that shall soon happen. God gave it to Jesus Christ to give to his followers through an angel. The message was sent and was delivered by the angel to John in signs which were mostly visions.

Although this writing was not supposed to be meaningful to the enemies of Christianity, it was to be made pub-

foundation offers the inclusive prospect for living a life of obedience. God is all and in all, and this is characterized by his great mercy to us, ever wanting to deliver us from the various bondages in which we struggle, always calling first to us, and forever waiting on our answer. lic. It was to be read aloud in the seven churches of Asia. John writes that the reader, and the hearers, especially those who keep the things written in his report, will be blessed. The real purpose of Revelation was to comfort and assure the readers who were under the terrible stress of the persecution of

Rome.
In verse 1, John says the word of God concerned things that would shortly come to pass. At the end of the third verse he says, "For the time is near." There is an urgency in what he writes to the churches about things they are experiencing or soon will experience. We need not struggle with the idea that Revelation contains prophecy of things that have not come to pass in almost 2,000 years. God's timetable is not always ours.

II. Writer and recipients of Revelation (Revelation 1:9-11)

There is no doubt but that John wrote Revelation. There is some doubt that the Apostle John was the writer, as the title in the King James Version indicates. At any rate, the writer was acquainted with the churches in Asia. In verse, 9 he claims a closeness to them by saying he is their Christian brother who is their companion in tribulation, in the kingdom of God, and in the patience or endurance which comes from Jesus Christ.

The word here translated tribulation means pressure. The picture is of the pressure applied to grapes to squeeze out the juice or that applied in a mill grinding grain.

Judaism was a legal religion in the Roman Empire of John's time and for a while Christianity was legal because it was considered a phase of the Jewish religion. As Christians became more numerous and outspoken, Rome considered them a threat to the empire. Worship of the emperor became mandatory and the Christians would not comply. It was because of this conflict that the tribulation had developed and John had been exiled to Patmos, a small rocky island used as a place of banishment for political or criminal offenders.

John was probably living in caves and mostly alone, but thinking of the churches and the Christian brothers in Asia. So, it was that on Sunday morning he was "in the Spirit," no doubt wishing that he could be worshiping with one of those churches. Some think John was in a trance. Likely he was in a deep spirit of prayer and meditation.

Suddenly he heard a voice behind him which he describes as sounding like a trumpet. This was his apocalyptic way of describing the volume and authority of the sound. He turned and saw the living Christ.

Jesus identified himself, saying that he was alpha and omega, the first and the last. He was about to give John a comforting message, so he told John to write what he saw and send the book to the seven churches in Asia. Remember that Asia as it is used here does not mean the continent of Asia as we think of it, but Asia Minor—what is now Turkey. So the Revelation was written to these seven churches.

III. Introduction to the style of Revelation (Revelation 13:1-4)

This section was selected to present the distinctive style of writing used in Revelation. It is called apocalyptic, which means revealing. This type of literature was used in times of tribulation and was familiar to the Jews. It used symbols, numbers, visions, animals, and dramatic conflict. It used vivid description, often very grotesque. All this made up a sort of code which was understood by the intended readers, but which was confusing to the enemies of Christianity.

In this passage John presents a vision which is very much like Daniel 7:2-7. He saw a beast coming up out of the sea. Ray Summers identifies this beast as the Roman emperor and writes, "In league with the devil to destroy the Christians is a foreboding beast, a jungle brute. He has ten horns-symbolizing great power. He has seven heads-symbolizing great wisdom; or from verse 3 it appears that this may symbolize great durability. Even when one of his heads received a death stroke, it continued to live. The beast has ten diademssymbolizing great authority. Upon his heads are names of reviling and blasphemy. He is a vicious fighter partaking of the nature of a leopard, a bear, a lion, and exercising the power given him by the dragon.

The "name of blasphemy" in verse 1 is the name of various Roman emperors who made claims to be divine, and demanded that all men worship them.

This is the sort of imagery which makes up the message of Revelation. It is only meaningful when we understand what is being said. Then Revelation is a book filled with comfort and hope for the Christian.